

M I N U T E S

City Council

Monday, June 7, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotional & Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Hall offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Holder presided. Members of Council: Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Judy Shuman and Jimmy Spilliards.

Members Absent: Don Bethune, Bessie Kicklighter and Durward Motes.

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director and Ron Feldner, Assistant City Manager.

Staff Absent: Clara Rouse, Finance Director and Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director.

Mayor Holder said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

Mayor Holder acknowledged Dr. Priscilla Thomas, County Commissioner.

Ms. Thomas said she was unable to attend the last council meeting due to a death in her family and illness. She said I have several things to discuss, but I will wait and go through the proper channels.

Mayor Holder said we have several Boy Scouts from the Hunter Field Troop. He said they are working on getting their merit badges.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 5/17/10.

Items for Consideration:

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funds Policies and Procedures Manual: City Manager said a year ago we were awarded the NSP grant. He said the grant funding is to be used toward reducing the

foreclosure rate by renovating foreclosed properties. He said the homes can be sold to low income families that meet the grant criteria. He said these policies and procedures were designed by the Department of Community who awarded the grant. He said these are the policies and procedures that the Grant Administrator and Affordable Housing Partner will follow.

Councilmember Hall asked how will the citizens know to apply for the funding.

City Manager said these funds are not available in a pool for people to apply for. He said DCA has the money set aside for use on properties that are identified as foreclosures. He said we would love to have money for blight areas, but the funding is defined for foreclosures.

City Attorney said the policy does have a provision for the City to advertise the funding.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to approve the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds Policies and Procedures Manual.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Transcribed by: Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Adopted: June 21, 2010